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RESPONDING TO KATRINA

By Dr. Cynthia Eriksson

It has been a few weeks since we heard of the devastation and saw the first images of what hurricane Katrina had done to the Gulf Coast of the United States. The reality of the destruction, the violent aftermath, the bureaucratic nightmares, and the tragic loss of life has been hard to truly "take-in." The extent of this disaster is more than our country has ever faced. Millions of our brothers and sisters have been personally touched by the loss of life and property. We cannot underestimate the time that it will take to bring life and routine back to the communities destroyed by hurricane Katrina.

Some of our Fuller community members have family and friends who are in the very center of the destruction, and we have students and alumni who are serving those who have faced the loss and fear. Our deepest sympathies go to those who have lost family members and friends, as well as to those who have lost homes, resources, and dreams. In addition, our prayers go to those who are hearing the stories and providing calming reassurance in the midst of fear and uncertainty.

The complicated journey of recovery has begun, and the first step for rebuilding is creating a safe place. Domestic emergency service workers and international relief agencies are making shelter, water, food, and clothes available for all. This safety and respite can restore a foundation for people's lives. Taking the step to help financially is one way we can act in a situation that can feel out of control. There are many agencies who are committed to both the immediate needs and the long-term efforts to rebuild the areas of the four Southern states that have been affected by the storm. (See page 4 for details on these organizations).

As work is needed to begin physical rebuilding, the same is true for emotional rebuilding. Any tragedy involves loss, and for some people this loss is extreme as they try to imagine starting over from nothing! For others, they feared for their lives and the lives of loved ones, and it is difficult for them to feel any sense of safety. Some survivors needed to relocate to an area where they know no one, and they struggle with hopelessness and fear. Research from other large-scale disasters tells us that there is a range of

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FROM THE 'WELL

Being on the West Coast has separated us from the reality and devastation of the recent hurricanes. We have filled this issue with personal accounts to give you a better understanding of these tragedies. Each of these

accounts are written by Fuller students, alumna/e, and family of Fuller students.

When putting together this issue, I was struck by how many of our own were personally affected by the hurricanes. My hope is that their stories will now become our stories. That we would seek God as a community, to find our role in healing and responding to these events.

~Michelle Harwell
SEMI Editor

We would like to hear from you! If you would like to write for the SEMI or respond to something you've read, please contact us at: semi-editor@dept.fuller.edu.

IN MY OWN BACKYARD

By Jenni and Dustin Perkins

The boxes are all unpacked and the pictures are hung on the walls. It's been almost a month since I moved from my beloved Texas. We Texans are a funny people. We use strange words like "y'all" and "ain't"; we eat hot peppers like candy and speak with a twang, but most of all we all love our state (and believe it is the best in the union). We're like a huge extended family, and we all hurt when those in our state hurt. So ya'll can understand how devastated I felt when I saw news that a hurricane was headed for the coastline of my home.

Just weeks before my husband and I moved to Pasadena we sat in the living room of our south Dallas home and watched the news showing Katrina tearing New Orleans apart. We helped collect clothing and food and toys for the evacuees relocated to the camps and shelters in our area. We saw the horror that Katrina left, but it was not our horror. It was not our homes or our families.

I was saddened by the devastation left by Katrina, but I was removed from it as well. I can not experience Katrina like someone from New Orleans or even someone from Louisiana can. Rita, however, is personal.

She is personal not just because my family was evacuated, but also because she hit Texas and whether I've been gone a month or fifty years, whether I'm living in Hamburg or Houston, I am and always will be a Texan.

The reality of Rita, the intimacy of Rita, has made Katrina more real to me. Other hurricanes have come and gone - Andrew, Dennis - but none has touched me like Rita. I am ashamed to realize that geographical location has determined how affected I am by disaster. Real people with real stories have their lives dramatically changed by these events, and we all must find a way to respond to them despite the miles between us.

Jenni and Dustin are both brand spankin' new students to the MA Theology program and are still wondering why there aren't any cows on Rodeo Drive. jenni_gail81@yahoo.com



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COMMUNITY RESPONSE

To the Fuller Community:

Many have inquired over the last week if the people of Fuller Theological Seminary would consider a corporate response to the unfolding anguish of the survivors of the Katrina Hurricane in Mississippi and Louisiana. Early last week Dan Aleshire, Executive Director of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS), which accredits Fuller, contacted Dr. Mouw and asked if Fuller would consider joining with members of ATS and the Coalition of Christian College and Universities (CCCU) to help any of the ATS and CCCU campuses harmed by this storm.

After some days we have learned that one of the CCCU schools, Belhaven College in Mississippi is open, but many of their students have been devastated financially by the storm. We are certain that other ATS and CCCU campuses in that area have experienced similar or worse devastation.

The President's Cabinet would like to invite members of the Fuller Community who feel led to contribute to the relief of students at these institutions to send donations to the development office. We will then coordinate with ATS and CCCU and forward those funds to support those campuses that have critical student related needs.

Please make checks payable to Fuller Theological Seminary. On the memo line of your check, please write "Katrina Student Relief Fund."

Please send checks to:

Lori Beaty
Development Office
Fuller Theological Seminary
135 N Oakland Ave
Pasadena, CA 91101

You may also make a credit card donation by calling Lori Beaty at 584-5473. If you have a PayPal account, you may email your donation to dev-paypal@dept.fuller.edu and type the following in the subject line: Katrina Student Relief Fund.

The following edited message from President Roger Parrott captures some of the anguish and hope at Belhaven College, Jackson, Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina.

We had an amazing chapel service yesterday morning with students sitting in the aisles and a great spirit. When they sang "It is Well With My Soul" I thought the roof, that the hurricane left in place, would now lift off. We have still not heard of any students who lost family members, but we have scores of them homeless. I've talked to many current students who have lost everything, and the line at the financial aid office is long for those needing extra help in order to stay in school. We will have another wave when the job losses start to hit in a few weeks.

"We need \$600,000 to \$1 million in NEW scholarships to help our current students stay in school" is what our Associate VP for Student Financial Services told me this morning. We have so many students who have lost absolutely everything. I don't know where the money will come from, but we have to find a way to help them. In chapel yesterday, our students gave \$1,319, plus our faculty and staff have already pledged about \$10,000 toward helping these students."

The challenges for the future are many and they are complex-please be praying for us.

Enjoying His peace in the midst of the storm,

Dr. Roger Parrott
President, Belhaven College

BURNING THEIR CLOTHES

By Sophie Draffin

When several New Orleans refugees asked if it would be a problem for them to ride a different bus than their relatives, they were told it would be fine. They were told that all the buses were going to the same place. The majority of the people on board thought they were going to Texas. Many of them, I learned, had relatives there. It was not until they reached the airport that they learned they were being flown to North Carolina. At that time, they also learned that many of their relatives who had boarded other buses were headed for California, or for Texas. At that point, there was nothing they could do; their family would be split up. Several of these refugees realized that on some level they were fortunate; they at least knew where their relatives were and were able to make contact. Other refugees, however, were not as fortunate. Cell phones did not work. Some individuals tried calling various shelters. This, however, proved to be a frustrating task.

When I first met this group of refugees, flown from New Orleans to Raleigh, North Carolina, I assumed that the only thing

they owned were the clothes on their backs. I was wrong. The clothes they wore were not their own. When they reached North Carolina, before entering the shelter, they had to go through decontamination tents. There was one tent for the women, one for the men. In the tents, they had to strip down, and be washed from head to toe by the medical staff on hand. Their clothes, the only possessions many of them had left, were burned. They were given new clothes to wear of course, but their own clothes were discarded. For some this process of being decontaminated was more stressful than for others. One woman I talked with was from a parish that had been condemned, and, as far as she knew, she would never be allowed to return to her home. She had to start completely from scratch. She had nothing, not even the clothes on her back, to remind her of her former life.

I also assumed that the long term goal for many of these refugees would be to return to the Gulf Coast and rebuild their lives there, where they had once been a part of thriving communities. For many,

however, either for practical reasons, such as a parish being condemned, or emotional reasons, such as fear of another storm, returning was not an option. The children were starting new schools, many of the adults were applying for jobs, and everyone was looking for more permanent housing, whether it be in North Carolina or in a city where their relatives had been sent.

These refugees thought they were headed for Texas, but ended up in North Carolina by chance. For many, North Carolina will become their home. For everyone at the shelter, they will have to rebuild their lives, from the ground up, without even an article of their own clothing.

Sophie Draffin is a 3rd year MDiv student with a concentration in Youth, Family, Culture. Originally from the southeast, Sophie was delighted to find that there is one restaurant in Pasadena, that will make sweet tea upon request.
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RESOURCES

There are a number of national organizations committed to the study and treatment of emotional trauma. In recent years, these organizations have created resources to support in the aftermath of large-scale disasters.

The National Center for PTSD: www.ncptsd.org

The web-site is full of information with great handouts for care-providers and survivors alike.

The International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies: www.istss.org

This organization provides resources for survivors and care-providers. They also offer opportunities for mental health professionals to register as a possible volunteers

The National Child Traumatic Stress Network: www.nctsn.org

An Important resources for kids and families this organization also has a disaster and terrorism branch with a specific portal for information and updates on the response to hurricane Katrina.

The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry: www.aacap.org Another good resource with more handouts for kids and families.

American Red Cross

(800) 435-7669, www.redcross.org

Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund

www.bushclintonkatrinafund.org

Catholic Charities USA:

(800) 919-9338, www.catholiccharitiesusa.org

Episcopal Relief and Development

(800) 334-7626, ext. 5129, www.er-d.org

Habitat for Humanity

www.habitat.org

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

www.pcusa.org/pda/

Salvation Army

(800) (725-2769), www.salvationarmyusa.org

World Relief

(800) 535-5433, www.wr.org



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HOUSTON, WE HAVE A PROBLEM: One Family's Experience of Hurricane Rita

By Maribeth Moak

Life in Conroe, Texas is probably very typical of what is happening all over the Houston area this week. Houston has five million people in its metro area, all of them preparing for the looming hurricane. My sisters, Carolyn and Corliss, live in Conroe, a small suburb 30 miles north of Houston. In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, their decision to stay or go seems all the more pressing.

We should have realized on Tuesday, when my niece drove from southern Houston to Conroe and it took 9 hours to go 65 miles, that we had a problem. This was only a foreshadowing of things to come. Carolyn and her family were planning to leave on Thursday morning to come to Oklahoma to stay with me, but the gridlock on I-45 made the trip from Conroe to Dallas alone, a range of 14-20 hours. She began to have second thoughts about



the trip when one neighbor returned home after an unsuccessful attempt to head to Dallas and only went a few miles in six hours. There was a shortage of cash, gasoline and supplies which concerned her. The deciding factor came when she discovered her two 90-year-old neighbors had no way to leave and no family to help them. Carolyn's family decided to turn an interior closet into a 'safe' room and stay put.

My other sister, Corliss, also decided to stay as well. She called me to say while Rita had turned away from Houston, it was now headed to the area where our family grew up—Beaumont. Conroe was warned to expect 75-90 mph winds so they were boarding up their windows due to the large number of trees in East Texas and were going to 'ride' it out.

The commute on I-45 north to Dallas

improved slightly on Friday morning when the state changed all southbound lanes to northbound lanes. Corliss said, "It was a strange feeling to see all the traffic only going north on the interstate. It made me feel like it was the end of time." By late Friday morning everything seemed even stranger because the weather was normal but the city was like a ghost town where normally over 100,000 people would be going about their lives.

My sisters are blessed; they are safe with provisions, a safe place to stay, and people who will support them before and after this event. My prayers extend to all the families and communities effected by the hurricanes.

Maribeth is the proud mother of the SEMI Editor. In her spare time she trains to be the best grandmother of all time. Mmoak@na-group.com



NOT ONCE, BUT TWICE

By Ashley Stroud

I am from Houston and I have gained a small bit of pride in the last month for my home town... the place that took in thousands of Katrina's victims, the place that had over 30,000 volunteers go through a course in one week at one church (First Baptist) to give their support, the place that had to turn away hundreds of volunteers daily at the Astrodome. My stepfather is a Methodist pastor in Houston and his church was slated to go to the Astrodome for relief work on a certain day about two and a half weeks after the storm but surprisingly they were being told that by Monday the Astrodome could be emptied with every displaced person already placed somewhere to start rebuilding their lives. Sadly, it is not these stories that make the covers of the magazines.

My mom and stepdad live in the house in Houston that I was brought home to from the hospital when I was born; I have never known another home. My dad was born and raised in Slidell Louisiana and my best friend growing up moved there when we were eight and stayed for over a decade. Needless to say, I have spent some time in New Orleans. Katrina claimed my

dad's childhood home leaving nothing but the foundation and laid two huge trees through the center of my best friend's home. Thankfully, the family moved back to Houston last summer and was not hurt by the storm, yet I cannot say the same for the family to whom they sold the house.

I thought Katrina had hit close to home until my attention was directed to the Texas-bound Rita that was said to hold as much strength as Katrina. As one could tell from the news coverage, Houston was not going to take its chances, with Rita. Almost 3 million people evacuated in 3 days. My mom left for Florida (where my sister lives). She had been planning the trip long before Rita was a threat. The morning of her flight she left for the airport at 9am and it took her 4 hours to travel 8 miles on the highway where the only thing scarier than a hurricane headed your way is 3 million people around you in crisis mode. She finally made it to the airport and on the plane, but my stepdad was having a harder time getting out. With estimates of traveling time to get out of the city at about 15+ hours, gas stations out of gas, only 3 quarters of a tank in my stepdad's car and 3 ani-

mals, he decided that braving the storm in the house would be better than braving the storm in a stranded car on the side of the highway without gas and three animals. So with canned foods, an abundance of water and the closet under the stairs as the only safe haven in the house that is made with windows 22 feet high, Frank (my stepdad), Sydney (my dog) and Earl and Emma (my two cats) hunkered down and waited. Today, all is well for my home and family, that only suffered from loss of power but this is not the case for the Katrina survivors still struggling to start over. I pray that when Katrina's story falls from the spotlight of the media it will stay fresh in my mind and heart and that the impact of these tragedies will remind me, and hopefully others, it could have been us.

Ashley is a 2nd year SIS student and believes she has single-handedly paid for the maintenance of Pasadena roads with the amount she has paid in parking tickets. ashleygayle@gmail.com



INTO THE WILDERNESS

By Charissa Fry

Winifored heard the mandatory evacuation order in the projects as evening fell. Hurricane Katrina would make landfall in around 12 hours. Public transportation closed early that evening. She had no car, but a friend gave her and her elderly mother, Mary, a ride to her daughter's house. The daughter had arranged through some friends to get to a higher part of the city to ride out the storm. They left Winifored and her mother and promised to return.

Curfew time arrived and the daughter had not returned. A family friend, Theronn, came over and the three realized they were stuck. "I hate to say it but it has to be said. We were left. They left us."

They had no choice but to ride out the hurricane in an apartment building in the middle of the Gentilly projects.

Hurricane Katrina began roaring through the neighborhood around 5 a.m. and the flooding started almost immediately. By 5:30 a.m. water in the streets rose to the level of car tires; the electricity went out and the phones went down. At 8:00 a.m. the first floor of the apartment building sat submerged. "Water was streaming through every crack in the structure. We just prayed and prayed the water would quit rising." Winifored, Mary, and Theronn huddled on the second floor with pictures they had salvaged from below. They prayed for the water to stop rising. The wind still buffeted the apartment.

Tuesday morning arrived and Theronn decided to move the women and himself to I-10 to await rescue rather than move to the attic. He built a raft using six doors lashed together with extension and phone cords. Winifored and her mother could not swim and boarded the makeshift boat too scared to cry.

"I was praying my momma wouldn't have a heart attack. She was clinging to me and the raft. She kept looking around. She was so scared. When we passed the second driveway she begged to go back. But when I looked around all I could see was water, water everywhere."



Theronn called to a neighbor to help paddle the raft. With his help they safely traveled the great distance to the interstate.

The trio spent the next two nights on the interstate awaiting rescue. They had no food and no water. Mary did not have her heart medicine or insulin. People broke into Wal-marts and other stores for water, food, dry clothes, and bedding. During the day there was no escape from the heat except the polluted water. Mary refused to go near it and became increasingly disori-

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ented and confused. At night, the danger of violence made it unsafe to sleep. "It was so dark, just pitch black. There were no lights anywhere. I've never seen anything like it."

On Thursday morning a nearby man awaiting rescue died of heat exhaustion and dehydration. Finally, late that evening the Coast Guard arrived in buses to take the crowds away. Winifored and Mary boarded the buses amongst the shoves



of desperate people; they lost track of Theronn in the chaos. The buses dropped off their passengers at another waiting station where they received no food or water.

The ladies boarded their last bus Friday morning and made the long journey to the Astrodome in Houston, TX. They arrived in the evening and Winifored immediately took Mary to

see a doctor at the Red Cross clinic. Winifored got in line for a free, hot breakfast. She took some back to her mother. When she returned to the Astrodome to check on their cots and belongings she saw a welcome site: her twin nephews. She quickly reunited with her sister's family, and they banded together on the floor of the arena. They traveled everywhere in groups for protection since several rapes and murders had occurred.

"My way of life is gone, just gone. And the news people are talking about Mardi Gras. We're just trying to start a new life here. We're like the Israelites, and God sent the hurricane to get us back on track. We know God has a reason, a purpose for us being here now. We've just got to move on."

Charissa has a Master's in Biblical Studies from Dallas Theological Seminary and is sister-in-law to the editor. She has a burden for missions and accumulating shoes. fry.charissa@gmail.com



HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF TEAM

The Missions Concerns Committee is trying to put together relief teams and gather ideas for organizations to team up to lend a hand to victims of Hurricane Katrina. If you are interested join our meeting Thursday at 10am on the 3rd floor of the Catalyst.

SHE WHO HAS NO NAME

By Sarah Lapenta H.

Deep deep deep
within me there is a silence
no words, just movement
my soul is rocking itself
back and forth

I was not conquered
looking back
I was naïve

The trust ran intermittently
yet the surprise was more
than I could bear

I screamed
an old wavelength in my bones
received into a barren vacuum

My identity, my body
my home, my (contested) sacred space
polluted, gone, disfigured

Who will remember?

I saw the lights of fear
flashing warning
but my history sold me out

Why did <he> not stop it?
Was it my age, my skin color, my class,
the way I dress, the decisions I made?

No. I did not deserve this. I do not.
I am worthy, worth more;
I deserve to be valued, heard.

Where is the Promised Land,
dignity born from empty wombs
joy from amidst the mourning (?)

Who will remember?

Deep deep deep
within me there is a silence
no words, just movement
my soul is rocking itself
back and forth

My stomach growls
for justice
I am (not) alone

Who will remember
my Name?

ONE OF OUR OWN

An Interview with Norm Gordon



Norm with some of the new members of his church plant.

What is your location and organization?

I am the pastor of the Dayspring Community Presbyterian Church at West Monroe, Louisiana (Northeast LA).

How are people coping emotionally, physically, mentally, and spiritually?

Given the circumstances, well. Monroe and West Monroe are far enough away from the hurricanes, and this is deep enough in the South where people have the wherewithal and the desire to be hospitable, at least to those they feel they can trust.

Are there personal accounts of triumph or tragedy that you would like to share in relation to the hurricane?

The good old Red Cross gets my award for best response. Unlike FEMA and certain state agencies, they were there, they

were ready, they were organized, and they're in there for the long haul. What do they need? As the director said: "Gifts in kind are still welcome, but just send money; remember: we've been doing this since 1917, we know what we're doing and how to get what we need; we just need funds."

How has the depiction of the hurricane through the eyes of the media differed from the reality of the situation?

Unlike down South in metropolitan areas like New Orleans, things have felt relatively safe and organized here. The church leaders responded in mass and virtually every organization in town, from the local grocery stores to the banks, are either collecting money or putting some relief program together for help. It's a model town for relief, really.

What is the role of the church in the wake of a tragedy such as this? How can/should the church be prepared to respond in the future?

Be humble and be ready to do what is needed. Flexibility is the key. With these two hurricanes, the needs, the agenda, the

means to respond change by the day, sometimes by the hour. You just can't lock yourself into a rigid plan and be relevant.

What can we, here at Fuller Theological Seminary, do from a distance? What can we do if we come?

Get some folks to come out and volunteer. We could easily put up four or five people with room and board to volunteer - the needs and ways to help are endless, they would not be sitting idle. Otherwise, send money to the Red Cross.

How can we be praying for you?

Sanity and peace. It's easy to get overwhelmed. Don't forget: we still have jobs and as for me, I'm still responsible for getting a church planted which takes diligence and momentum. I wish the two agendas - relief and church planting - always fit nicely together. Sometimes they do, but sometimes they don't. God has called us to do both/and not either/or. He will provide the strength - somehow.

Norm (SOT, MDiv) graduated from Fuller in '93. He works in New Church Development for PCUSA.

THE DANCE OF SHARED MINISTRY

By Nancy Eckardt

I'm the kind of person who loves structure. I have been known to re-load the dishwasher just to give it a more orderly look. This propensity for structure was confirmed and lauded in me during my years working at an insurance company, reducing complex processes into step-by-step instructions for end users.

And then I got married, and the processes of life got more difficult to simplify. How do I have traditional roles in the marriage when my husband goes back to school... again? How do I become a stay-at-home mom when my husband is still a student? And how, when God calls me to full-time vocational ministry, do I obey the call and remain faithful to the responsibilities to which God has called me at home. This doesn't require structure, but the ability to dance!

Before my family moved to southern California so that I could attend Fuller, I had worked for 20 years in business (yes, I was working in the business world before many of you were born!), and 8 years as a Church Administrator. During that time, my desire to be a stay-at-home mom was replaced by a desire to work outside the home, which was confirmed by a call to full-time ministry. The preparation for this

call took place over the last 20 plus years, as my husband, Glen, and I worked together to both take care of the responsibilities at home as well as the responsibilities of our paid jobs. We recognized that there were not a lot of people in our lives who were doing what we were doing, but we also agreed that we would not have it any other way.

So what did we learn along the way?

The one who does the laundry is the one who happens to be home when it needs to be done! This applied to all responsibilities around the house. We abandoned the structure of defined gender-specific roles. I would often leave for work before anyone else was up, leaving Glen to wake, clothe and feed the kids before getting them to school. Thus I was freed up to work early so I could get home early, and he was given the privilege to care for the kids on his own. We both relinquished any conviction we may have held that only I could play that role, and as a result, our children see both of us as equally capable parents.

It takes two to tango! When our children were younger, finding careers that worked well with a young family's schedule was not an easy task. Glen worked less than full-time for a while because the job I had

demanding so much of my time. And I eventually quit that job because it required more than a wife and mother of 3 young children could give. Since we have moved here, Glen works long hours to make ends meet for us, and I work out my school schedule so I can be home for the kids, and the home responsibilities. But at the same time, we both look forward to that day that we can share in the responsibilities of work both in and outside the home.

Are you a woman wondering how your call is going to mesh with marriage or motherhood? Are you a man whose wife is yearning to work outside the home and you both want a picture of how it will work? Join us on Thursday, October 6th, 12-12:50 pm, in Payton 101B, as I lead a panel discussion about how to learn with your spouse the dance of ministry.

Nancy is a 2nd year M.Div student and prefers to be referred to as an older sister, rather than a mom to those born after 1980. njeckardt@cp.fuller.edu



FRIDAY NIGHT MUSIC SERIES

By Nate Risdon and Dave

Starting this fall, Coffee by the Books will be hosting the Friday Night Music Series every Friday evening. This musical extravaganza has been months in the making and is certain to become the place to be on a Friday night. Each venue will feature one or two Fuller artists performing covers as well as original pieces, creating the mood for a cool hang-out. With each concert starting at 7 pm, Coffee by the Books will stay open an extra hour making drinks and serving snacks to be purchased throughout the night. This is bound to be a great time for everyone. One of the masterminds behind this massive endeavor is Nate Risdon, Chair of the Arts Concerns Committee. In the following interview Nate enlightens us to the goodness that we are bound to experience each and every Friday night.

DAVE: Nate, can you tell us a little bit
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about what we are about to experience?

NATE: Well Dave...may I call you Dave or do you prefer David? Ok... Well Dave, I think those who attend are going to truly understand the phrase "multi-sensory experience" if they come to the Friday night concerts. Shall I explain? Ok. First, they will HEAR the lovely and sometimes thought provoking tunes of fellow Fuller students and friends. Second, they will SEE their friends and the good looking set of musicians that we have lined up for the concert series. Third, they will SMELL the fresh pastries and aromatic foreign coffee blends that Coffee by the Books will be selling (gratuitous plug!!!). They will also SMELL the musicians whom I believed will all be freshly bathed and scented. Fourth, they will have the opportunity to TASTE these aforementioned pastries and coffee (2nd gratuitous plug). Fifth, they

will be able to TOUCH, in a strictly platonic and respectful Christian way (i.e. handshakes, pats on the butts. No, I mean back.) their friends and the musicians when they congratulate them with a hearty "Well done!!!!" Multi-sensory Dave, MULTI-SENSORY!

DAVE: Okay Nate, but will this really be THE place to be on Friday nights?

NATE: Yes. It gives you a chance to meet up with friends and relax a little before you head out for Friday night. This is a win-win situation. Fuller students get a chance to hear good musicians and hang out and meet new friends. In the future, if a Fuller student comes and is a musician themselves, they can audition to play on Friday nights as well.

DAVE: Well, for the kick-off night, I heard the Drew Gorton will be playing. Is that true and can I get his autograph after?

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common reactions that survivors can expect in the aftermath of hurricane Katrina.

Emotional and Cognitive Reactions:

Feeling hopeless about the future
Feeling detached from others, feeling numb
Difficulty concentrating
Feeling jumpy and easily startled
Feeling on guard
Having upsetting dreams
Feeling nervous, scared, sad
Avoiding things that are reminders of the hurricane
Being irritable or easily angered
Feeling agitated or easily upset

Physical Reactions:

Stomach problems, change in appetite
Trouble sleeping
Fatigue
Racing heart, rapid breathing
Headaches
Not taking care of oneself - no exercise, poor diet, no health care
Too much alcohol, food, or smoking
Exacerbation of chronic medical conditions

Spiritual Reactions:

Anger at God
Questioning God's goodness
Difficulty finding meaning in life—even
Difficulty trusting

This might seem like an overwhelming list, and it certainly can be overwhelming for survivors to attend to the day-to-day tasks of living while they experience the range of reactions. However, it is important for survivors to know that for most people

these reactions will subside over time. Some people may struggle with more severe problems such as alcohol or drug abuse, depression, suicidal thoughts, or posttraumatic reactions that interfere with their work and relationships. Those who are grieving over loved ones, who have lost their homes, who had pre-existing mental or physical health problems, who faced an imminent threat to their life, or who witnessed grotesque scenes of the destruction are the survivors who are at the highest risk for developing chronic symptoms. Survivors can be encouraged to value their own mental and physical health, and seek out professional support when confronted with these more serious problems.

Posttraumatic stress has become a "buzz word" in the media, related to terrorist attacks, the war in Iraq, and the recent tsunami. It is important that we understand that people can be deeply affected by a life-threatening event or a tragic loss. But, the problem with immediately considering the psychiatric diagnoses, is that people become fearful that they will not know what to say or do for a survivor. Yes, some survivors will need professional mental health support, but the majority of people will find a path of recovery with the support of friends and family. Each person needs a safe place to be able to tell his or her unique story of hurricane Katrina. Telling the story will take time, and it will have many chapters. But, survivors also need the basics of friendship, practical necessities, and pastoral care!

As family members, friends, or new supporters, there are things that we can do. We all will have different parts to play in the

rebuilding, and I want to emphasize that because it will be a long-term and multifaceted process. We may have the opportunity to provide support through a church community or other partnership. We may have families in our own neighborhoods and churches who have been relocated from the Gulf Coast. We may decide to make a long-term commitment to financial contributions to a certain aid agency, or we may volunteer to use our professional skills to be part of the rebuilding. We have a unique opportunity in the Christian community to look to our faith and cry out to God! We can let people ask the difficult questions of "where was God?" and "how can I trust Him?" without jumping in with an attempt to answer. We can carry hope in our hearts as we hear the stories of the hopeless, and we can offer a place of sanctuary that comes from simply listening with love.

This is the beginning of the recovery. There will be moments for you to step in as God is calling you. Do not be afraid. Be prayerful and intentional as you give of the comfort and gifts that God has given you.

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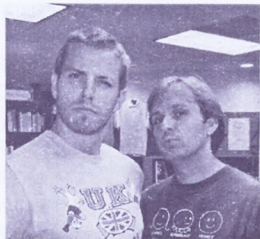
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NATE: Yes. It is true. We were able to book Drew Girton, who I might add, was also instrumental (no pun intended) in getting this series started. I've heard that Drew is actually planning on wearing his brand new shiny pants. We're all excited. I'm not sure about his ability to sign autographs because his hand might be tired from a-strummin'. It'll be up to him.

DAVE: Well, thanks for talking to us Nate. There is only one question that still begs to be answered. Will we be hearing any of your musical stylings?

NATE: Hehehehe...well...I can play a mean set of Journey and Styx on the air piano, but unfortunately I don't have my Steve Perry wig anymore, so probably not.

Dave Scott is a 3rd year MAT student and the Coffee by the Books Operations Supervisor. He once awoke a ferocious beast named Nate, and has regreted that decision every day of his life since. He is often found huddled in dark corners muttering, "find a happy place, find a happy place."



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Nate Risdon is the Arts Concerns Committee Chair in his 2nd year as an MDiv student. If you happen to find him sprawled out on the ground on campus in a pool of drool, do not attempt to revive him as he is a ferocious beast if suddenly woken. Any misguided attempt may result in injury. Please note: he can be revived with coffee.

CAMPUS EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anabaptist Perspectives Brown Bag Lunch Wed, Oct 5, 12-1, The Garth

Mennos at Fuller is widening the circle to include Anabaptist Perspectives. Get acquainted with some Anabaptist-minded folks and hear about the Catholic, Reformed, and Revolutionary sources of the 16th century movement. Our speaker for the first session is Ph.D. student Kent Davis Sensenig. For more information or to get on our e-mail list contact Jennifer@pmcweb.org.

Juggling Family Responsibilities with Ministry

Thur, Oct 6, 12-12:50, Payton 101B

WCC Co-chair Nancy Eckardt will convene a Brown Bag panel to discuss this critical issue. The panel will include Dr. Kara Powell, Assistant Professor of Youth and Family Ministry in the SOT. Dr. Powell also serves as Executive Director of the CYFM. Current students will also be part of the panel. Whether this is a current reality for you or one you will be addressing in the future, we are sure you will benefit from the discussion.

WTA Student Desert

Thur, Oct 6, 7-8:30, Payton 101

Come meet fellow WTA students, new Brehm chair Todd Johnson, and other WTA related faculty and staff. WTA students only. This includes all SOT WTA related degrees including MDiv/ WTA concentration MA/WTA, MAT/TA, and PhD with theology/worship and culture concen-

tration. This also includes SIS students in the ethnomusicology/global Christian worship concentration. Families welcome. RSVP's appreciated. Contact Ryan White at 304.3724 or wtaprograms@fuller.edu

All Night Prayer Meeting

Fri-Sat, Oct 7-8, 9pm-6am, Preaching Arts Building, First Floor

Come join us to pray for the school, the nation and the world. Questions? Email FullerPrayer@yahoo.com.

Ignatian Group

Beginning Mid-Oct.

We are forming an Ignatian cohort (max. of 10). 3-quarter commitment involving daily private Spiritual Exercises, weekly meeting with the cohort, and monthly spiritual direction. Sign up for an interview before Oct. 10 (first come, first served!). For more info, contact wil@fuller.edu, 318.6696.

SIS Celebrates its 40th Anniversary

Mon-Thur, Nov 7-10

Join us for Missiology Lectureships, Workshops, Concerts and more! For further info on guest speakers, schedule of events, and how you can be involved please visit our website: <http://www.fuller.edu/swm/40th>

Surviving Seminary Process Group

Starts fall quarter, date and time TBA

Welcome (back) to Fuller Seminary...and to the

relationship difficulties, academic stress, spiritual questions, and (you fill in the blank) that come along with it. Need a place to talk about it? Come join a therapy group for SOT and SIS students who would like to deal with these and the other issues that go hand in hand with life as a seminary student. Both new and returning students are welcome. Cost is \$15/session. For more information, contact Steve Baughman or Brett Veltman at FPFS at 584.5555.

Free Couples Therapy

The Department of Marriage and Family at Fuller is offering ten free counseling sessions to engaged/married couples, or families who wish to improve their interaction patterns. For more information, call Kenichi Yoshida, associate director of academic affairs, at 584.5415. Space is limited. Not available to SOP students.

Free Therapy

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Can you come out and play? Metro Kidz is a mobile outreach to Pasadena's neighborhood children. Wed, Thur & Fri after school, we share the good news of Jesus in local parks through skits, music & games. Tues, Thur & Fri, we visit elementary schools to ease teachers' days by providing lunchtime recess activities and making friends with students. Come take a look! Contact Carol at 817.4860 or carolc@lakeave.org for more info.

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JOBS

Childcare Provider Needed. SUPPORT (the group for wives of Fuller students) seeks 3 paid childcare providers for the '05-'06 school year. Applicants must be available to work Wed mornings from 8:45-11:45am. If interested, please call Asen 398.1769.

Actors needed for clinical training role-plays at FPFS. Paid position. Need to be available for at least 10 weeks. Openings available on Mon and Wed 3:30-5 and Fri 8-2. For more information, please call Kendra Nickerson at 584.5593.

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